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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Oranienburg

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REMARKS

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1. Two companies, each of 120 to 140 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying full field equipment, marched out of the SS Kaserne in Oranienburg (N 53/2 67) at about 7:30 a.m. on 12 March, proceeding toward the training area on Lehmitz Lock. They were followed about half an hour later by nine trucks carrying soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and white ribbons around their caps. This group apparently constituted the simulated enemy. *Sharing field kitchen*

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followed the trucks toward Sachsenhausen. Groups of from 4 to 20 soldiers with telephone equipment were subsequently seen leaving the installation. Three SP guns [redacted] left the billeting area at about 9 a.m. and were subsequently observed participating in a practice attack in the aforementioned training area. During the course of the simulated attack, a lieutenant colonel and a major arrived at the training area in jeep

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2. On 22 March, it was learned that several wooden garages on solid foundations were completed at the building site in the Kurnaerische Siedlung (settlement). Four other wooden garages were under construction beside the school building. About 60 trucks were parked nearby. (3)

3. Several officers supervised the filling of tank trucks with fuel from 12 two-axle railroad tank cars at the Oranienburg freight yard.

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[Redacted]

11. Gate guards at the Oranienburg castle wore red-bordered black
gaulots.

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[Redacted] Comments.

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(1) [Redacted] the strength
figures given [Redacted]
differ widely. The estimate [Redacted] of about 3,500
troops is believed to come nearest to the actual strength.

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[Redacted] The billeting area is believed to be
occupied by components of the 25th Tank Div, including the 111th
Tank Regt, the 162d Tank Regt and unidentified artillery and infantry
units.

(2) [Redacted] the 162d Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div. This
regiment was previously confirmed in Oranienburg until 7 February 1951,
and can henceforth be carried in the billeting area of the concentration
camp and the Panzer Schule.

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(3) [Redacted] the units in the Weisse Stadt settlement are believed to include the un-
identified rocket launcher regiment and two regiments of the unidentified
artillery brigade of the Second Gds Ncz Army. [Redacted]
The estimate [Redacted] of the present report on the number of
troops there is probably the most correct one. [Redacted]
The Kurmaerkische Siedlung (settlement) is part of the Weisse Stadt.

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(4) [Redacted] the Hq 25th Tank Div is believed from
previous reports to be located in the Oranienburg castle.

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